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The Editor wishes all a very Good SUMMER...

Don't miss the PICNIC on AUGUST 26 at the Steppingstone Museum...

Directions to Steppingstone Museum:

From Balt./Wash/Annapolis take I-95 North to MD 155. Go WEST on MD 155 to MD 161; Go North on MD 161 just a short distance and watch for signs to Susquehanna State Park...(Right turn on a blue road...watch for signs to Stenningstone Museum)...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MEETINGS

**July 15 – Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention 11:00 A.M.
Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD**

**August 26 – Steppingstone Museum PICNIC MEETING
Social Hour 11 AM...Meeting/Auction 12 NOON
Susquehanna State Park**

BANC Show for 2006

Sunday October 1, 2006

**Cromwell Bridge Holiday Inn 9AM – 4PM
(We can always use Volunteers to help out)**

***** PRESIDENT'S LETTER *****

Please excuse me while I use the President's Letter to conduct some important, outstanding Maryland Token and Medal Society business. You may be receiving this Maryland Token and Medal Society Journal a bit early and that is my doing in conjunction with our superb Journal Editor. We are trying to take care of some outstanding business. Last year, in an earlier issue of the Journal, I announced to our membership that we would be raising the yearly dues this year (2006). As most of you realize, that did not happen. Why you may ask. Well to make any dues increase legal, we must vote on same at our annual meeting prior to it taking effect. We did not do that. Why - - because I left it off of my annual meeting agenda. You know - - all those give aways, annual awards, literary awards and all the fuss we make at our annual meetings - - I plain forgot. Well - - legal is legal, and we did not increase the dues this year. So once again, I am announcing a dues increase in the Journal for all the membership to see prior to our annual meeting. At the annual meeting, I will place this on the agenda for a vote. The proposal is to increase the annual dues from \$7.50/year to \$10.00/year with a corresponding increase for life membership dues from \$150.00 to \$200.00. The Maryland Token and Medal Society is long overdue in raising our dues and I believe that this increase is very fair.

Please make a concerted effort to attend the annual meeting. We will once again present all the annual awards and we hope to have some interesting give aways again this year. The next meeting following the annual meeting should be a very interesting "away" meeting. One of the meetings where we try and visit some historical location with ties to our collecting hobby. This meeting offers a real great opportunity. We are going to visit the Steppingstone Museum in Harford County (see separate instructions elsewhere in this issue of the Journal). The museum has been in existence for quite a while; however, they recently opened a cannery exhibit which is outstanding. One of our Director's, Bernie Bodt, was very instrumental in getting this part of the museum up and running, and set up our visit for this meeting. Thanks Bernie!!!

Also, do not forget our reference project which is still ongoing. If you have an area of collecting that you are interested in, please consider compiling some data on that topic or area of collecting and document it for current and future Maryland Token and Medal Society members and other collectors or hobbyists who share our interests. We have done extremely well so far. Help us keep this effort going.

Best wishes to all our members for a good, safe and enjoyable summer of collecting. See you at the annual meeting!



Edward L. Craig
President, Maryland Token and Medal Society

December 10, 2005

Minutes of the MD TAMS meeting held today in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center,
Baltimore, MD

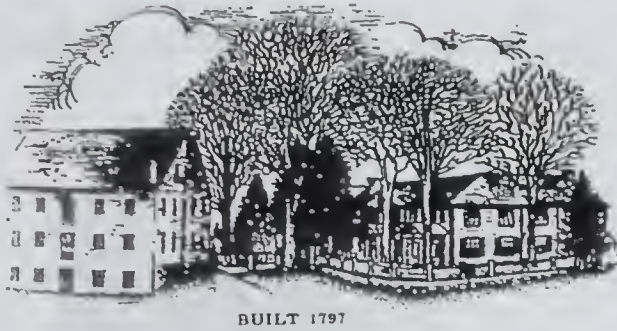
- I-Meeting called to order by President CRAIG at 11:00am with 19 members and 10 guests in attendance.
II-Minutes of last meeting (10-08-2005) not read as they had been published in Whole #105 of our Journal.
III-Treasurer's Report: Given by our Treasurer (R. RUBY). Copy of it is attached. Said report to stand until/ unless it is audited.
IV-Committee Reports:
a-Journal: President CRAIG and our Journal Editor (W. MUMFORD) said we could always use more articles for our Journal (those who had submitted same were thanked for their efforts).
b-References: President CRAIG reported that J. BURFORD'S revised reference on MD "Woods" expected to be available at our March 2006 meeting.
V-Announcements:
a-E. CRAIG: The next BANC Show is on 02-05-2006 (he also said that we could use more help at the BANC Shows which are a source of a lot of our funds).
b-E. CRAIG: New elongateds (only one made on 2005 Silver Quarter Set which was donated by Metro Coin Supply)
c-R. SEARS: J. SEARS doing better (card was sent).
d-R. RUBY: Copies (one is attached) of our 2006 meeting schedule & Show Dates are available.
e-E. CRAIG: We will try to have a program at each meeting this year.
VI-Old Business:
a-E. CRAIG presented W. STONE with the runner-up certificate for his Journal article and a Literary Buck
b-E. CRAIG: We still have miscellaneous elongateds available for sale (MD State Sets are not available any more)
c-M. HAJEK: He is still seeking additional listings of "unlisted" MD Tokens,
d-E. CRAIG: BANC has elongateds (one was given to everyone at today's meeting)
VII-New Business: None
VIII-Show & Tell:
a-R. SEARS: His Christmas elongateds,
b-E. CRAIG: Making elongated sets to preserve our history,
c-R. KAMINSKI: Elongateds available on bourse floor and three different enameled Somalian coins (in shape of a guitar) were available for \$36.95,
d-J. HAMMOND: Finds he had made while metal detecting,
e-E. CRAIG: Old (National) TAMS Journals available on bourse floor,
IX-Break taken so members could "stretch their legs", view the items in the Auction and to set up for our program.
X-Meeting called back to order at approx. 11.35am
XI-Program: Given by M. STRATEMEYER (on the jobs (picking fruits/vegetables, working at/running a store, etc.) some of her relatives did many years ago).
NOTE: When the program was over, M. STRATEMEYER received a well deserved round of applause
XII-Auction held which resulted in \$19 in commissions (not counting donated lots) being added to our Treasury (R. SEARS who was assisted by E. CRAIG was the auctioneer & J. BOSWELL & R. RUBY were the "tabulators").

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary
MD TAMS

UNION MILLS SHRIVER HOMESTEAD MEETING

Millard W. Hajek



Homestead Foundation, Inc.
3311 Littlestown Pike
Westminster, MD. 21158

Our **MD TAMS** meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2005 held at the Shriver Homestead was a very enjoyable time and a great educational experience. A total of 17 people including members and guests enjoyed a brief business meeting along with an auction and a tour of the Grist Mill and Shriver House. Mill Hajek conducted the meeting filling in for our president Ed Craig who was out of town on business. A sumptuous picnic lunch of fried chicken, potato, macaroni and slaw salads, chocolate chunk cookies and Lime Jell-o / pineapple desert was served after the meeting, courtesy of **MD TAMS** and some ladies who attended. Chuck Ives was our host for the day and conducted the tour of the authentically restored Mill which operated as a working Grist Mill grinding stone-ground whole-wheat, buckwheat, and cornmeal starting operation in 1797. Our Maryland Merchant Book was presented to Mr. Ives for the Shriver Homestead library by Bob Ruby who made all the arrangements for our meeting there.

Members were also invited to tour the Shriver House with **MD TAMS** picking up the fee. Since 1797 members of the same family have lived in the homestead. Their written records, their folklore and family legends, and the house with its contents, have preserved and unusual firsthand history of the evolution of American life from the days of creaking ox-drawn wagons to the modern era of rushing highway traffic. The most important result of this constant replacement is that very few personal possessions of each generation have been scattered and remain for viewing as you tour the homestead with the guidance of our guide Mrs. Espechade.

Two brothers, Andrew and David Shriver **PURCHASED LAND ALONG** Big Pipe Creek And built the house and mill in 1797. The joint venture became known as Union Mills and included a grist mill, sawmill, tannery, blacksmith shop, cooperage and a farm. As these enterprises expanded, a small village grew around it and also took the name of Union Mills. The homestead started out as a small double house as a residence for the two brothers. Each house was 14 x 17 feet connected by a porch and passage about 10 feet wide. Each house had one upper and one lower room which eventually expanded to twenty three rooms.

The homestead became a house divided during the Civil War with one favoring the north which had 5 slaves, was Republican, and Protestant. The other half of the homestead favored the South had no slaves, was Democratic, and Catholic.

In 1950 the house had come into the hands of three brothers, Frederick Shriver Klein, Philip Shriver Klein, and Richard Henry Klein. The idea of turning the homestead into a museum was not arrived at all at once but the very process of five generations living in the same home over a period of 160 years, never moving, and seeming never throwing anything away meant that, in Fred's words, "Union Mills became a museum of American family life informally and unconsciously." The three Klein brothers met at Union Mills on October 11, 1964 and signed papers which established the Homestead Foundation which transferred the homestead to Carroll County. With the Homestead in County hands, the foundation became eligible for federal, state, and local restoration funding thus allowing the stabilization and restoration of the house and mill.

The Shriver family went into the canning business following the Civil War and operated five canneries in Carroll County with the largest located in Westminster. The canning business was started in the 1870's and ceased in 1969. All the canneries were sold in 1970.

Following the tours of the Grist Mill and Homestead, I visited the Gift Shop and purchased the medal illustrated below. In addition canning tokens from Union Mills and Westminster are also illustrated.



OB: UNION MILLS / Homestead buildings / THE / SHRIVER HOMESTEAD / 1797-1997

RV: THE / UNION MILLS / HOMESTEAD / WAS BUILT IN 1797 / BY / DAVID AND ANDREW SHRIVER / AND LIVED IN BY / THEIR DECENDENTS FOR / SIX GENERATIONS / CARROLL COUNTY / MARYLAND

Brass 65mm ROUND

OB: B. F. SCHRIVER & CO. / 2 ½ / UNION MILLS, MD.

RV: (Liberty seated; 11 stars around)

Brass 18mm Schenkman 930-S5-2 ½

OB: B. F. SCHRIVER & CO. / 10 / UNION MILLS, MD.

RV: (Liberty head left; 11 stars around) / 1876

Brass 24mm Schenkman 930-S5-10



OB: B. F. SCHRIVER & CO. / 3 / UNION MILLS, MD.

RV: Liberty head left; 13 stars around / 1875

Brass 20mm Schenkman 930-S6-3



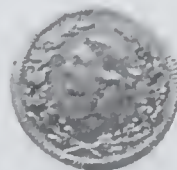
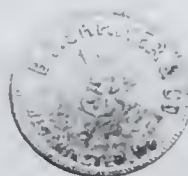
OB: B. F. SCHRIVER & CO. / 25 / UNION MILLS, MD.

RV: (eagle with wings spread; 10 stars around)

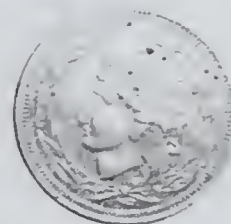
Brass 29mm Schenkman 930-S6-25



OB: B. F. SHRIVER & CO. / 3 / WESTMINSTER, MD.
RV: (Liberty head facing left, within a wreath)
Nickel 20mm Schenkman 975-S15-3a



OB: B. F. SHRIVER & CO. / 5 / WESTMINSTER, MD.
RV: (Liberty head facing left, within a wreath)
Nickel 24mm Schenkman 975-S15-5a



NOTE: Tokens and medals illustrated are not to scale.



GOODBYE JULLIANS AND HELLO DAVE & BUSTERS®

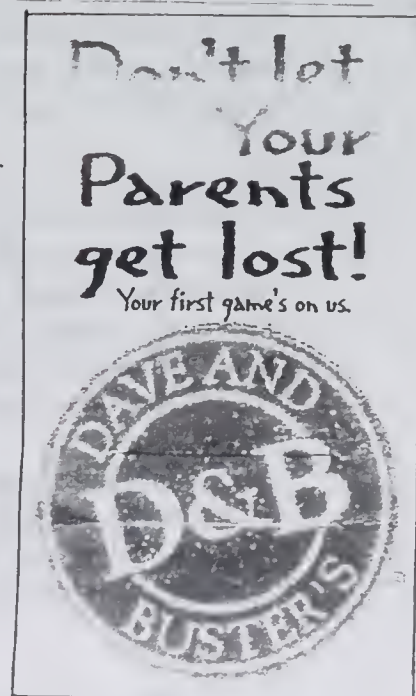
Millard W. Hajek

Recently my wife and I went to the Arundel Mills Mall to take in a movie at the Movico theater, get a bite to eat and do some shopping. We discovered that Jullians a great place to eat and have some fun in their games arcade was no longer in business and that Dave & Busters® (D & B) had taken its place opening in December 2005.



Typical of today's modern arcades, D & B uses the card system to play their games. However, some of the games have tokens in them. So, of course, I managed to get a couple for my Amusement Token Collection. They are the generic type but do have the year 2005 on them.

In discussing our hobby of collecting tokens, with A cashier, she also told me they have a little promotion for Children that gives them a token to play one free game. The Card lettering is done in various colors and the logo is lavender. That card without the token inserted in it is shown here. The token, illustrated here, is bright brass and 26 mm in diameter with the same design on the obverse and reverse



GWYNN OAK PARK

By
Jane Sears
(Edited by Russ Scars)

Gwynn Oak Amusement Park was a complete picnic and ride facilities park for the whole family. Located on the West side of Baltimore, it could be reached by car, bus or trolley (No. 32 car marked Woodlawn). The main entrance was off Gwynn Oak Avenue near the 4600 block of Liberty Heights Avenue.

Special trolley cars could be chartered to Gwynn Oak Park at very reasonable cost. Churches and clubs scheduled outings and picnics to the park. These groups of people wore a paper badge on their shirt which allowed them to ride all day free at the park.

The park held special Dollar days, where the patron would wear Dollar day badges. Gwynn Oak Park held Ethnic Festivals once a week. They were Irish, Jewish, Polish, Italian, Lithuanian, Chinese, and German Festivals. Since they were so popular, the park was closed to the public on these days.

It was an ideal resort with expansive oak groves and a modern all-weather picnic area. In the beautiful man made lake, one could ride in row boats, bike boats and canoes. One could go bathing in the lake or have a picnic near the waterfalls.

Concession stands were scattered all around the park. The usual popcorn, cotton candy, candy apples, peanuts, and hot dogs booths were available. A cafeteria and dining room was available in a heated and air-cooled building. Catering service was available for the group outings.



Gwynn Oak Park had some of the most up to date forms of entertainment.

The thrill of racing in the cars of the double dip racer thru the tree tops from the entrance of the park to the boat lake was a very popular ride.

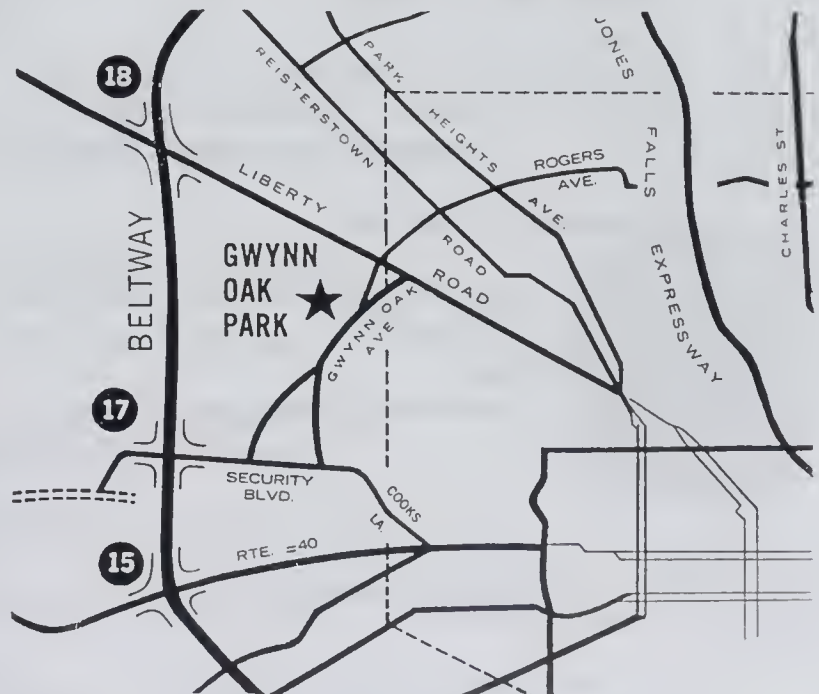


Attraction on the midway were the double ferris wheel, double racer dip, merry-go-round, carrousel, the big whip, miniature golf, coney racer, dodgem, tilt-a-whirl, flying seooter, looper, roto-jets, round up, bumper cars and Laff-in-the-Dark. Others activities included, many games of chance, camp game, penny arcade, bingo, and shooting gallery. A miniature train ran thru the picnic grove.

There was a complete kiddleland with modern and safe thrill rides for the younger ones. There were many rides for them, including the aero swings, automobiles, motor boats, bug, circus ride, buggy ride, little ferris ride, little dipper, sky fighter, little whip, helicopter, caterpillar, tractor ride, wild mouse, flying seooter, goat and pony rides.

Map with location of the park.

The Dixie Ballroom had excellent facilities for benefits, dinner, roasts, and dances. Dancing went nightly from 9 P.M. until midnight including Sunday. Great Big Bands played on Saturday night for one-night appearances. The summer circuit included Shaw, Miller, Dorsey and Goodman bands. To see these bands, admission was charged. Local bands were there during the weeknights. Large speakers were spread around the park so every one could hear the music even if they didn't pay admission.



An Amphitheater was there for outdoor entertainment. Special vaudeville acts were scheduled for daily appearances. There were always different acts that were presented at the park. Included were Signor Gillmette the famous trapeze clown, Bo-Bo, the whimsical clown and Bo-Bo Jr.

Souvenirs were sold in the gift shop. There were photos of Bo-Bo, bumper stickers, postcards and I remembering getting a rolled out penny with the Lord's Prayer on it at the entrance of the park.

In 1972, Gwynn Oak Park was the last of Baltimore's city amusement park to closed. A flood caused much damage and the park could not reopen. In 1974 the amusements were auctioned off and the land was left to go back to its nature state.

Wooden Nickel used at the park:

Listed in "The Atwood-Coffee Catalogue of United States and Canadian Transportation Tokens"
By John M. Coffee Jr. and Harold V. Ford 5th edition

60 - AW

Obverse: WOODEN NICKEL / Indian head facing left / GWYNN OAK PARK

Reverse: GOOD FOR ONE / FREE / RIDE ON / BARGAIN / DAYS / GWYNN OAK PARK
wood, 21mm, round



Token used at the park:

Listed in the "Maryland Merchant Token" book by
David E. Schenkman (1986)
(A project by Maryland Token and Medal Society)

(Baltimore 60) page 40

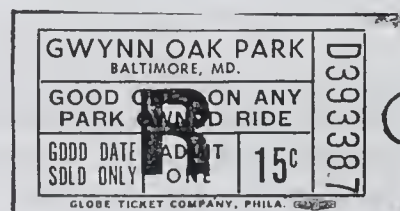
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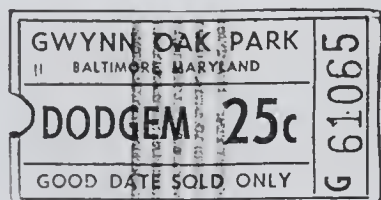
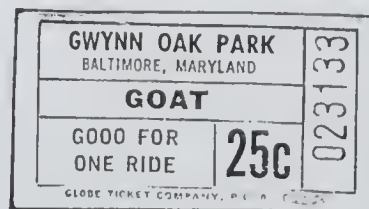
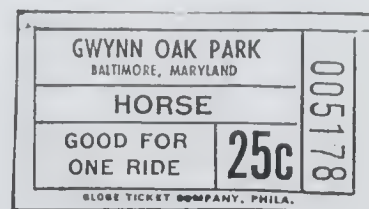
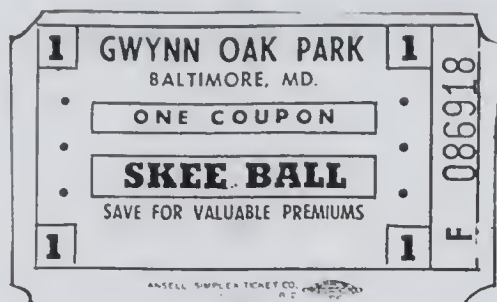
Obverse: FASCINATION / GOOD FOR / ONE (1) GAME / GWYNN OAK PARK

Reverse: same
aluminum, 23 mm, round



Some of the tickets used at the park:





References:

- 1) Trolley News
The United Railways and Electric Co.
excursions by trolley flyers (they were placed daily in the racks on the trolley's walls)
- 2) Sanborn Fire Map - Woodlawn, Maryland 1930 sheet 2
- 3) Sanborn Fire Map - Woodlawn, Maryland 1950 sheet 2
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(A project by the Maryland Token and Medal Society)
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- 6) B-More Ghost website
"Amusement Parks" by Daniel Gibbs
- 7) Memories of Gwynn Oak Park by Owen Pomeroy

Encased Penny

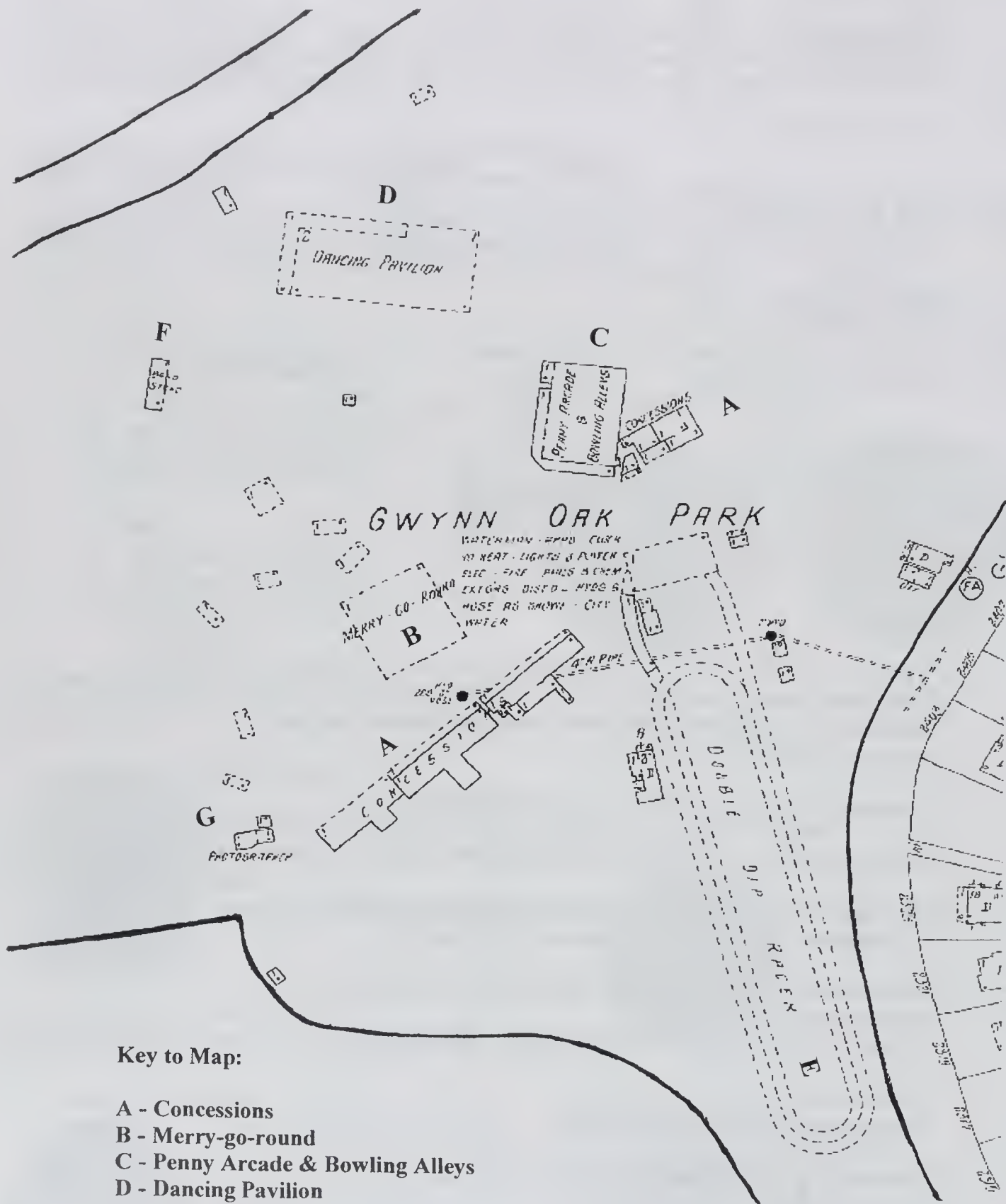
Obverse: KEEP ME AND /
NEVER GO BROKE /
I BRING / GOOD LUCK



Reverse: SOUVENIR /
GWYNN OAK PARK /
BALTIMORE, MD.

Aluminum, 1947 penny





Key to Map:

- A - Concessions**
B - Merry-go-round
C - Penny Arcade & Bowling Alleys
D - Dancing Pavilion
E - Double Dip Racer
F - Band Stand
G - Photographer



TOOL CHECKS, ATTRIBUTED AND MAVERICKS

W. WALLACE STONE R-47

The disposition of the company tool check by it's very nature is to be considered in the field of exonomia. It is not a token, nor a medal, however in some instances it may fit in the broad field of company advertising. Although that is not it's intended function. The purpose of the tool check is to maintain an inventory control over tools and equipment which have been loaned out to company workers for a specific task or job, usually from a company supply room or work shop.

Attribution in some cases is a most difficult task, as many tool checks include only initials of the company or in some cases a particular department within the company. On the other hand, some, are complete with the company name and city or town of origin listed. These are the easy one's !

Shown below and on the following page, are some that have been identified and some that are unknown as to location and company affiliation.





TOOL CHECK IDENTIFICATION

- 1...BRASS..AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY, MERRIMAC, N.H.
- 2...BRASS..W.P.A. WORK PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION, 1934
- 3...BRASS..COAST CATERING...LOCATION UNKNOWN
- 4...BRASS..397-T...LOCATION UNKNOWN
- 5...BRASS...CHARLES L. STOCKHAUSEN, BALTIMORE, MD
IN BUSINESS FROM 1900- TO 1920'S
- 6...ALUMINUM... MOORE CO. CHARLESTON, W.VA.
- 7...COPPER...LOCATION UNKNOWN, STOCK REVERSE, stating that
"Twenty five cents will be charged for loss of this check."
- 8...BRASS...1 LOCATION UNKNOWN
- 9...BRASS...M.C.A. 2... LOCATION UNKNOWN
- 10...BRASS..R. HOE & CO. Mfr of saws, knives, farm implements,
PORTLAND, OREGON. Same reverse as # 7
- 11...BRASS...W.R.T. Co... LOCATION UNKNOWN
- 12...BRASS... 32..... LOCATION UNKNOWN
- 13...BRASS...GROVE MFG-945..SHADY GROVE, PA. Mfg of heavy
Equipment, cranes, derricks.
- 14...STEEL..B.I.W. CORP. Bath Iron Works, Bath Maine, builds ships for
U.S. Navy.
- 15...BRASS...396..LOCATION UNKNOWN
- 16...BRASS...BUHL MFG. CO...AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES, DETROIT, MI.
ESTABLISHED 1905.
- 17-18-19-20-21- ALL BRASS, LOCATIONS UNKNOWN

MARYLAND SENIOR OLYMPICS

BY. W. WALLACE STONE R-47

A piece of Maryland exonumia that has languished in my collection for nearly ten years without a definite place to call home over these many years, has, however with a little aid from the internet finally landed at a home base. The item in question is a 51mm round, plain edge, looped for suspension, multi-colored enameled presentation piece issued by the Maryland Senior Olympic Commission. The colors represent the red, yellow and black found in the Maryland flag.

The following is a direct quote from the Maryland Senior Olympics Commission's web page dated April of 2006. "For many years, Maryland has promoted and provided programs for senior citizens through their Offices on Aging at the State and County levels. These programs were varied in nature and established Maryland as a leader in the field of program development for senior citizens. However, the impetus for the Maryland Senior Olympics was generated through the joint efforts of the Baltimore County and Maryland State Commission on Physical Fitness. Through the State Commission, an organizational meeting was called for January 10, 1980 and invitations were sent to County Physical Fitness Commissions, State and County Parks and Recreation Offices, State and County Offices on Aging and Colleges and University Departments of Physical Education and Athletics throughout the State of Maryland.

The meeting was held in Towson and attended by approximately thirty persons representing the above areas of interest. The concept of athletic competition for seniors, aged 55 and over (now 50), was presented and thoroughly discussed with the ultimate decision that Maryland should initiate a Senior Olympic Competition. The first organizing committee (later named the Commission) was formed from the attendees interested and willing to get involved in this new venture. Dr. Robert Zeigler, Vice Chairman of the Baltimore County Physical Fitness Commission and Professor of Physical Education at Towson State University, was elected Chairman of the Commission.

The first competition was held on October 4, 1980 at Towson State

University with approximately 300 athletes. Today the Maryland Senior Olympics accommodates over 2000 athletes annually and is considered to be one of the finest senior competitions in the United States. While the object of any competition is to win, the underlying premise of Senior Games is to encourage participation within a spirit of good will and camaraderie--win or lose. To take part, to train, to set goals and strive towards them, to be in the "arena" gives meaning to the true significance of the Senior Games competition."

Over the two week period in September and October the Olympics offer a wide variety of fields of participation, the last count was thirty three separate events. There have been several major sponsor's behind the Games from the earliest days. Towson State University, Baltimore County and today Verizon Tele-communication Co.

So.....the Maryland Senior Olympics presentation piece can be classified as belonging in the Towson, Maryland region.

Pictured below is the brightly , multi-colored presentation piece awarded by the Maryland Senior Olympics commission.



Maryland Club Champion Award 2 Cent Piece

By Russ Sears

The Maryland Club is located at 11 Eager Street. It is housed in a beautiful large multi-story building from the late 1800's.

The illustrated piece from the Maryland Club is believed to have been awarded to a boxing champion in the late 1800's. While there could be other 140 pound competitors, we feel that boxing is the most likely sport. This award was engraved on the shield side of a U. S. two cent piece. The other side once had a pin soldered but the pin is no longer present. Interesting piece of Baltimore history.



THE BROWN-JORDAN TOKEN

BY. W. WALLACE STONE R-47

While the Brown- Jordan International token is not a Maryland issue nor is Maryland named on this piece it is however well represented within the boundaries of the Free State. The Brown-Jordan Company of Pompano Beach , Florida is one of the leading furniture manufacturers of casual as well as modern formal pieces in the country.

The Company was founded in 1927 as the Winsloew Furniture Inc. and through a series of mergers over the years it has continued its high profile manufacturing and has changed names several times from the original to Winston & Loewenstein to Winsloew Furniture Co. and in 1994 through a final merger has become Brown- Jordan International. As early as 1945, just after the end of World War 11, they became an industry leader in outdoor casual furniture with a high degree of style and modern designs.

Today their factory in Pompano Beach, Florida has a work force of just over 2.000. The furniture and accessory line from the company is sold throughout the country under the following brand names.

Brown-Jordan.....Tommy Bahama....Pompeii....Winston....Molla....
Vineyard....Atlantis....Woodsmiths....Stuart Clark....Wabash Valley....
Texa Craft....Tropic Craft.

The Maryland connection to all of this industry may be seen through the retail sales carried out through a number of Department Stores such as; Hecht Co, soon to become Macy's, Kohls, K Mart, Target. Other well known Maryland names include Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Value City, and surprisingly the names of Office Depot and Home Depot help to round out just some of the firms handling this line of furniture.

The token is oval and measures 37 x 20 mm, and has a golden finish over which the initials BJI are imposed.

The Brown-Jordan token below and a price inventory tag showing both the numeral price as well as a bar code for the six piece all weather seating set Made from wicker.



BJI

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**6PC DEEP SEATING SET
ALL-WEATHER WICKER**

- * 2CHAIR, 2OTTOMAN, SOFA,& TABLE
- * VRSATLE DESIGN IN/OUTDOOR USE
- * RUST-FREE ALUMINUM FRAME
- * WATR-RESISTNT CUSHNS-QUICK DRY

SEASONAL ITEM

MODEL# TPC-CONV

\$ 897³³

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In the Winter 2005 issue of the MD TAMS Journal an article entitled, "The Joel and Julius Gutman tokens of Baltimore" stated that Joel and Julius Gutman were not related. Several days after members received their issues I had a phone call from our editor with information from a third party with knowledge of the Gutman family of Baltimore requesting that I contact him. In so doing I was informed by Mr. Tom Gordon, a great grandson of Mr. Joel Gutman, that indeed Joel and Julius were second cousins. Joel was instrumental in arranging passage for Julius from Europe to America. Thanks to Mr. Tom Gordon we now have more up to date information regarding the Gutman tokens from Baltimore.....W. Wallace Stone R-47

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AN UNLISTED J. S. FARREN TOKEN:

Readers of W. Wallace Stone's informative article on "The J. S. Farren Token of Baltimore" (Winter 2005) may be interested to know that there is also an unlisted token attributable to J. S; Farren.

J. S. FARREN / CO. //
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Unlike the subject of Stone's article, the unlisted token is clearly associated with the oyster packing side of Farren's business. It is round, 31 mm. in diameter, and is made of hard rubber in at least three colors: black, red and (if memory serves) brown. The token is undenominated.

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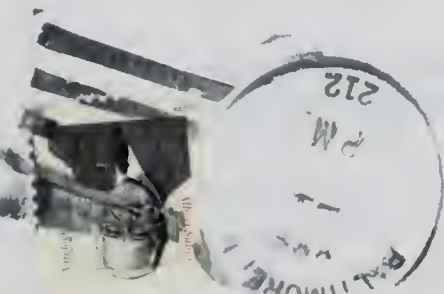
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